



DÍAZ-AYALA LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANTS

Application Deadline: March 2, 2015

The Cuban Research Institute (CRI), the Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC), and the Florida International University Libraries are pleased to announce the competition for the 2015 Díaz-Ayala Library Travel Grants and request applications for spring and early summer 2015.

The grants provide scholars and graduate students the opportunity to conduct research on the special collections related to Cuba and Cuban-Americans at the FIU Green Library, thereby expanding access to its unique holdings and enhancing its value as a national resource. CRI, LACC, and the FIU Libraries are offering three research travel grants of up to \$1,500 each to offset the costs of a minimum one-week stay to use the collections. Scholars and graduate students in the humanities and the social sciences whose work will be enhanced by using the resources of the collections are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to scholars who are not previous recipients of the award. Due to our fiscal year, at least one award recipient will be required to complete his/her travel by May 15, 2015. Two of the awards will be given to U.S.-based scholars or graduate students, in accordance with the requirements of LACC's U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant. Those based in other countries are encouraged to apply for the other grant.

As a condition of the award, recipients will give one lunchtime lecture at FIU faculty and students on their recent research, and following their travel, will submit a one-page single-spaced summary of their work with the collections, and make recommendations on how the collections may be improved or enhanced. Any publications resulting from research conducted at FIU during the grant period should acknowledge the Cuban Research Institute, the Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU Libraries, and the U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant for their support.

The Díaz-Ayala Cuban and Latin American Popular Music Collection is the most extensive publicly available collection of Cuban music in the United States. Its approximately 150,000 items span the history of popular Cuban and other Latin musics. Valued at nearly one million dollars, the collection features 45,000 LPs; 15,000 78 rpms; 4,500 cassettes containing interviews with composers and musicians, radio programs, music, and other materials; 5,000 pieces of sheet music; 3,000 books; and thousands of CDs, photographs, videocassettes, and paper files. Among the collection's rarest items are early recordings made in prerevolutionary Cuba.

A portion of the collection can be searched online at <http://library.fiu.edu/latinpop/>. However, the vast majority of items are only searchable and accessible in person. Supplementing the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection is an excellent and varied collection of Cuban materials and electronic resources available at FIU Libraries: <http://library.fiu.edu>. For more information on the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection and other collections, and to determine if your research project will be



enhanced by the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection, please contact the Sound & Image Resources Department at FIU Libraries.

The Díaz-Ayala Music Collection is one of many resources supporting the Cuban Research Institute (CRI) at Florida International University. CRI is the nation's leading institute for research and academic programs on Cuban and Cuban-American issues. Since its founding in 1991, a combination of advanced scholarship, research, teaching, outreach, and the resources of the Greater Miami community has enabled CRI to produce exceptional programming and remain a leader in its field. In addition to the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection, CRI enjoys the unique resources of the Leví Marrero collection of historic Cuban documents, the Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza collection of Cuban genealogy, and other Cuban research collections, all housed at the FIU Libraries.

CRI is part of the School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University and part of the State University System of Florida. No other university outside of Cuba surpasses FIU in the number of Cuba specialists on its faculty, or in the number of faculty and students of Cuban origin. CRI draws upon the expertise of more than 45 FIU faculty members. FIU is an urban, multi-campus institution offering more than 190 baccalaureate, master's, and graduate degree programs in 19 colleges and schools. FIU has nearly 50,000 students and 1,100 full-time faculty.

For additional information on CRI, LACC, FIU Libraries, and FIU, please visit our websites:

CRI: <http://cri.fiu.edu>

LACC: <http://lacc.fiu.edu>

FIU Libraries: <http://library.fiu.edu/>

FIU: <http://www.fiu.edu>



APPLICATION FOR A DÍAZ-AYALA LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANT

Applicants must submit the following items:

- This completed application form and budget form
- Proposal for your research project and how the collection will contribute to your scholarly goal (3 pages maximum)
- Curriculum vitae or resume

Deadline: Completed applications must be received by March 2, 2015 for the Spring and early Summer 2015 grant cycle.

Name: _____
(Last name) (First name)

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Title of Your
Research Project: _____

Name of Your
School or Institution: _____

Researcher Status: _____ M.A. Student _____ Ph.D. Student
_____ Non-Tenured Faculty _____ Tenured Faculty
_____ Other (describe) _____

Dates of Research: Arrive on _____ Depart on _____
(It is preferable that travel be completed by 5/15/15)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Budget Form

Florida International University is located in Miami, FL. There are no hotels within walking distance of the University, so if you are arriving by plane to Miami, you may want to rent a car to facilitate your stay. There is a low cost youth hostel in Miami Beach, and many moderately priced hotels throughout the city. When you book your hotel stay, ask if there is a fee for parking as many hotels in our area charge for this.

Airfare	\$ _____
Personal Vehicle (44.5¢ /mile)	\$ _____
Rental car	\$ _____
City bus	\$ _____
Parking/Tolls/Misc	\$ _____
Hotel (_____ nights @ \$_____)	\$ _____
Meals (_____ days @ \$36)	\$ _____
Photocopies	\$ _____
Other (please specify)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total estimated costs	\$ _____

Please address inquiries and applications to:

FIU Library Travel Grants
Cuban Research Institute, DM 445
Florida International University
Miami, FL 33199

Or send by email to cri@fiu.edu

Applicants will be notified by email of decision no later than March 15, 2015

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